

NEPHI PROBST



Bishop of Midway Second Ward 1935-1937.

Nephi Probst, the son of John Ulrich and Susanna Gertsch Probst, was born June 17, 1900 at Midway, Wasatch County, Utah. His parents were converts to the gospel from Switzerland. They did not know each other until they met in Midway.

He herded sheep, worked at the mine and studied the gospel and planned to fill a mission. When 19 years of age he received his missionary call to the Northern States. He labored in Chicago, Illinois. Later he was made Conference President and transferred to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His joys in missionary work were great. As Paul of old, he also tasted the bitter as well as the sweet. On one occasion he was severely beaten by one of his contacts.

While in Milwaukee he met Elizabeth Beck, also a missionary. She and her companion were released from their mission the same day he was, in November, 1922, and traveled home together. This was the beginning of a romance which ended in marriage December 21, 1923. To them were born ten children:

Verle, married Kenneth Young;
Grant, married Barbara McAfee;
Faye, married Hyrum Bates;

Boyd, married Elena Graham;
Emery, married Marjorie Buckley;
Genell, married Alvin Zufelt;
Evan, married Bonita Talbot;

Kyle;
Paul;
Janice.

He has served faithfully in many church positions. He was president of the YMMIA from November, 1922 to December, 1923 when he became Presiding Elder at Keeley where he served until June, 1924. He was counselor in the Stake Sunday School to L. C. Montgomery September 11, 1927 to September 8, 1935. He was Senior President of the 96th Quorum of Seventies, which position his father held previously.

In 1935 he was called to be the Bishop of the Midway Second Ward. During this time the church grounds were landscaped and beautified; pine trees were brought from the head of Provo River and planted. He served as Bishop for two years until September, 1937 when he was asked by President H. Clay Cummings to be second counselor in the Stake Presidency with Don Clyde as first counselor and Charles Broadbent, stake clerk.

Ten years later when Don Clyde moved to Provo, he was chosen as first counselor to President Cummings on November 2, 1947, which position he held until the release of the Stake Presidency November 16, 1958. He has spent many happy hours of church service administering to the sick, contacting the young people, and building up a friendship among his associates which is priceless.

He had studied to be a railroad clerk; but when he returned from his mission, he bought a piece of ground to farm and became a dairy farmer. He was also a miner. For several years he was Secretary of the Midway Waterworks and also County Weed Supervisor. During the Second World War he served as Chairman of the Wasatch County War Board, having charge of the rationing of gas, machinery, etc.

One of the outstanding events of his life was an invitation to attend the dedication of the Los Angeles Temple March 8, 1959. President J. Reuben Clark Jr., and Elder Henry D. Moyle escorted him and President Cummings to the stand at the opening session of the dedication.

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Bard Salzer



Bard L. Sulser

Bard Leonard Sulser, 76, died Jan. 22, 1989 in a Provo hospital.

Born July 18, 1912 in Midway to John A. and Mary Burgener

Sulser. Married Bertha McMillan Martinez Nov. 25, 1939 in Park City. Marriage later solemnized in the Manti LDS Temple. She died May 6, 1982.

He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing, was an avid rock hound. He was a farmer all his life and an active member of the LDS Church.

Survived by children: Joe B. Martinez, Springville; Nyda M. Harrison, Karin Glazier, both of Heber City; Owen Sulser, Midway. 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services Wednesday at the Midway Fourth Ward Chapel. Burial in the Heber City Cemetery.

Claire E. Shelton

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Claire E. Shelton, 82, of Orem, died November 18, 1985 at the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center. He was born June 9, 1903, a son to Charles Edwin and Amanda C. Buys Shelton in Silver City, Utah. He married Rose Hickman on May 14, 1923 in Rigby, Idaho.

He worked in the mines at Butte, Montana. He helped build Geneva Steel, where he worked in the Open Hearth as an

Instrument Repairman until he retired in 1968. He then owned the Shelton Gem Shop of Orem for ten years. He served as President of Utah State Federation Gem and Mineralogical Society for many years. He was also a past president of Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society. He was a member of the LDS Church.

Survivors include his wife of Orem, three sons and one daughter. Don R. Shelton of Ogden, Claire Dale Shelton of Pleasant Grove, Jay D. Shelton of Orem, Mrs. Rex (Carol) Wright of Provo. Fourteen Grandchildren, twenty-four Great Grandchildren, and two Great Great Grandchildren. Also survived by one brother and one sister, Diamond Shelton of Riteville, Washington, Zilla Hansen of Spokane, Washington. One daughter Lilly Shelton Butcher preceded him in death.

Services were held Thursday, November 14, 1985 in Orem, Interment in the Heber City Cemetery.